

57th ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY
HOLIDAY
CELEBRATION
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57th Annual FREE
L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
Perfect for the whole family!

Seasonal Music and Dance Spectacular December 24

- **Broadcast Live on PBS SoCal KOCE**
- **Performed Live at The Music Center**
- **Streamed Live at pbssocal.org**

WHAT:

Join hosts **Cheryl Burke** (*Dancing with the Stars*) and **Brian White** (*Scandal*, *Mistresses*, *Chicago Fire*) for the Emmy® Award-winning ‘**57th Annual L.A. County Holiday Celebration.**’ Music ensembles, choirs and dance companies from the many neighborhoods and cultures of the region celebrate the season during this free three-hour holiday show that is perfect for the whole family. PBS SoCal KOCE will broadcast this beloved program.

Highlights of Holiday Celebration favorites returning to the show include **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company** with a folklórico dance from the region of Tabasco, Mexico; the **Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble**, which will perform a classical handbell piece that celebrates Christmas and Hanukkah; holiday songs sung by the **Palmdale High School Choral Union and Sunday Night Singers**; and the **Southern California Brass Consortium**, a 26-member brass ensemble from Long Beach.

New to the show are the Grammy-nominated ragtime, Dixieland blues and early swing band **California Feetwarmers**, who will perform holiday favorites; **Cuba L.A.** performing Latin jazz renditions of holiday standards; Filipino dance company **Kayamanan Ng Lahi** with festive dances from the provincial lowland/coastal region of the Philippines; the 32-member **Los Angeles Chamber Choir**, which will sing the 16th century advent hymn “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”; **QVLN (Q-Violin)** bringing his “Brazil meets Jimi Hendrix on an electric violin” stylings to perform an upbeat Latin fusion of the Christmas classic “Little Drummer Boy”; and more.

Watch it live on PBS SoCal KOCE and pbssocal.org on Dec. 24 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. – midnight and Dec. 25 at noon. See it free at The Music Center on Dec. 24 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

WHEN:

Saturday, Dec. 24 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- Doors open at **2:30 p.m.**
- Entertainment on The Music Center plaza for those waiting in line begins at **12:30 p.m.**
- Patrons may come and go throughout the three-hour performance
- A live broadcast of the show airs from **3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** on **PBS SoCal KOCE**
- Live streaming at pbssocal.org
- The PBS SoCal KOCE broadcast repeats from 9 p.m. – midnight, and again on Dec. 25 at noon; and on PBS SoCal Plus on Dec. 25 at 3 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 p.m. and on Dec. 26 at 11 a.m.

WHO:

- **Performing artists** from across Los Angeles County (see below for complete list)
- Sponsored by the **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors**
- A presentation of the **Los Angeles County Arts Commission** produced in association with **CDK Productions**
- Live telecast on **PBS SoCal KOCE** is produced by **CDK Productions**

WHERE:

Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at The Music Center
135 N. Grand Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

HOW:

Information hotline: (213) 972-3099 or HolidayCelebration.org

ADMISSION:

FREE; no reservations or tickets to the show; first come, first seated

PARKING:

FREE in The Music Center parking garage

ARTISTS PERFORMING IN 57th ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION:

- **California Feetwarmers***, a seven-piece ragtime, Dixieland blues and early swing band, will perform holiday favorites.
- **Citrus Singers**, a 40-member voice and handbell ensemble from Citrus College, will perform Christmas songs featuring handbells.
- **Colburn Children's Choir and Young Men's Ensemble**, a youth choir from the Colburn School of Performing Arts, will perform a medley of holiday songs.
- **Cuba L.A.***, a seven-member music ensemble, will make their Holiday Celebration debut with Latin jazz renditions of holiday standards.
- **Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles** will return to the program with traditional holiday repertoire.
- **Grandeza Mexicana Folk Ballet Company** will present folklórico dance from the region of Tabasco, Mexico.
- **Greater Los Angeles Cathedral Choir**, a 35-member ensemble, will perform gospel renditions of holiday songs.
- **Harmonic Bronze Handbell Ensemble**, a music ensemble of 11 to 18-year-olds from Antelope Valley, will perform a classical handbell piece celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah.
- **JazzAntiqua Dance & Music Ensemble** will present a new dance piece with live jazz music inspired by the African-American spiritual "Wade in the Water."
- **Kayamanan Ng Lahi Philippine Folk Arts***, a 16-member Filipino dance company, will perform festive dances from the provincial lowland/coastal region of the Philippines.
- **Kim Eung Hwa Dance Company**, a nine-member Korean dance company, will perform a traditional fan dance.
- **Las Colibri ***, or "The Hummingbirds," an all-female mariachi ensemble, performs innovative interpretations of traditional *sones*, *huapangos* and *rancheras*, incorporating sounds of jazz, rock, oldies and R&B.
- **Lorenzo Johnson & Praizum**, 20 singers will perform an upbeat contemporary rendition of "Go Tell It on the Mountain."
- **Los Angeles Chamber Choir***, a 32-member voice ensemble, will make their Holiday Celebration debut with a beloved 16th century advent hymn.
- **MUSYCA Children's Choir*** brings together gifted young people, ages four to 18, to create a community of singers built on respect, love for music and artistic excellence.
- **Palmdale High School Choral Union and Sunday Night Singers**, a chorus from the Antelope Valley, will present a traditional holiday repertoire.
- **Pasadena Christian School Children's Choir***, a 50-member children's chorus led by Barbara Allen, will perform light-hearted holiday songs featuring choralography.
- **QVLN (Q-Violin)***, Quetzal Guerrero will bring his "Brazil meets Jimi Hendrix on an electric violin" stylings to the Holiday Celebration with a seven-member ensemble playing an upbeat Latin fusion of the Christmas classic "Little Drummer Boy."
- **Southern California Brass Consortium**, a 26-member ensemble from Long Beach, will play symphonic brass arrangements of holiday repertoire.
- **Vox Femina Los Angeles**, a choir of 34 women, will perform songs celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah.

* indicates groups new to the Holiday Celebration this year

OTHER:

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has sponsored this admission free show for the people of the County every December 24 since 1959. The Holiday Celebration has taken place at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion since 1964. The program honors the spirit of many cultures and holiday traditions through music, song and dance.

The Los Angeles County Arts Commission fosters excellence, diversity, vitality, understanding and accessibility of the arts in Los Angeles County. The Arts Commission provides leadership in cultural services for the County, encompassing 88 municipalities, including funding and job opportunities, professional development and general cultural resources. lacountyarts.org.